

February 11, 1938

Minutes of the Two Hundred Forty-ninth Special Meeting of the State Highway Commission, held in the State Highway Building, with the following Members being present:

Robert Lee Bobbitt	Chairman
John Wood	Member
Harry Hines	Member
Julian Montgomery	State Highway Engineer

14655 Motion by Judge Bobbitt, seconded by Mr. Hines, that a special meeting of the State Highway Commission was opened at 9:30 A. M. February 11, 1938.

14656 In Bexar County, it is ordered that a project be added to the Grade Crossing Program providing for a protection installation at the crossing of Highway No. 2, U. S. No. 81, and the Missouri Pacific Railroad near the south city limits of San Antonio and the State Highway Engineer is directed to submit a request to the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads providing for programming of this project.

14657 WHEREAS, in Bexar County, on Highway No. 2, the U. S. Air Corps has presented data to show the necessity and desirability of the closing of that portion of old Highway No. 2 that traverses Kelly Field in order that extensive improvements and developments may be made on this important training center; and

WHEREAS, a plan has been presented to reroute this road at or near the south edge of Kelly Field to a connection with the new location of Highway No. 2 east of the Missouri Pacific and Southern Pacific Railway tracks, such relocation to be constructed without expense to the Highway Department with the exception of a requested grade separation project at the proposed railway crossings; and

WHEREAS, this proposed relocation will fit into the future plan for the development of the Military Drive around the City of San Antonio; now, therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that the State Highway Engineer make investigations and estimates of the proposed grade separations and report such that the project may be considered for current Federal railway grade crossing programs, when and if funds develop to permit such construction, and after Bexar County has advised that arrangements have been made to finance and construct the necessary approaches according to plans and specifications satisfactory to the State Highway Department.

14658 In Caldwell & Guadalupe Counties, since the Bureau of Public Roads has indicated its unwillingness to approve addition to the Federal Aid Highway System of Highway No. 80 between Luling and Nixon and since construction of the San Marcos River Bridge and approaches with Regular Federal Aid funds depended upon such approval, it is ordered that this item of the 1938 Regular Federal Aid Program be deleted therefrom and the State Highway Engineer is directed to submit this information to the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads.

14659 In Dawson & Terry Counties, it is ordered that a highway be designated from Brownfield to Lamesa. This designation is made with the understanding that Highway Department funds are not now available for the construction of this highway. No portion of this designation is to be assumed by the Department for maintenance.

The State Highway Engineer is directed to inaugurate surveys in order to establish route and location and furnish right-of-way deeds to the counties involved. This work is ordered in accordance with the request of the counties for assistance in order that they may secure such right-of-way at their convenience.

It is further ordered that this designation be canceled immediately upon delivery of the right-of-way deeds to the counties involved.

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WHEREAS, in Donley County, Highway No. 88, N.R.W.R. 29, Section 1, relief laborers are available at this time in a greater number than in the past; and

WHEREAS, said relief laborers may not be available after May 1, 1938; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the approved work, estimated to cost \$60,000.00, cannot be carried to completion by this date without supplementary State funds in the amount of \$4,000.00;

IT IS THEREFORE ordered by the Commission that \$4,000.00 State funds be appropriated to supplement P.W.A. and W.P.A. funds.

A.F.E. 38-50

14661

In El Paso County, on Highway No. 1, N.R.W.R. 60, Section 2, providing for the widening of roadway from Fabens east to Hudspeth County line cannot be constructed due to inability of the Works Progress Administration to furnish relief labor.

IT IS THEREFORE ordered by the Commission that this project be cancelled and the P.W.A. funds released for use on present approved clean-up projects.

14662

In Foard County, on Highway No. 16 from Crowell south 4 miles, an asphalt surfacing project was provided by the 1937 Asphalt Program and approved by the Commission on August 4, 1937 in the amount of \$5,000. In order to properly coordinate this work with the base course construction under Job No. M-98-3-5, it is hereby ordered that \$4,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary be appropriated as an increase to Job No. M-98-3-5 to provide for the construction of this asphalt surfacing by maintenance forces.

A.F.E. 38-51

14663

In Galveston County, it is ordered by the State Highway Commission that vehicles transporting the children of the Port Bolivar and High Island Schools be transported on the Galveston-Bolivar Ferries without the payment of tolls from Port Bolivar to Galveston and return on February 26, 1938, in order that such children may participate in the Junior Mardi Gras parade and coronation on that date. This free passage of vehicles is to be conditioned that each such vehicle shall contain not less than three (3) school children from Port Bolivar and High Island Schools, and that the school authorities shall furnish the driver of each such vehicle with a certificate showing the names of the passengers of such vehicle and the name of the school attended by each. These certificates shall be presented to the ticket agents of the Galveston-Bolivar Ferries upon request.

14664

In Kleberg & Brooks Counties, commitment is hereby made to include Highway No. 16 from Riviera to Falfurrias in the first increment of highways to be submitted for approval as a part of the Secondary Highway System and the State Highway Engineer is directed to submit this information to the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads to support previous request for withdrawal of this section of Highway No. 16 from the Federal Aid Highway System.

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In Menard & Schleicher Counties, it is ordered that a highway be designated from Menard to Eldorado. This designation is made with the understanding that Highway Department funds are not now available for the construction of this highway. No portion of this designation is to be assumed by the Department for maintenance.

The State Highway Engineer is directed to inaugurate surveys in order to establish route and location and furnish right-of-way deeds to the counties involved. This work is ordered in accordance with the request of the counties for assistance in order that they may secure such right-of-way at their convenience.

It is further ordered that this designation be canceled immediately upon delivery of the right-of-way deeds to the counties involved.

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It is hereby ordered that land scape projects listed and described below be added to the 1937 Regular Federal Aid Program:

COUNTY	HWY.NO.	LIMITS	ESTIMATED COST	FEDERAL FUNDS
Milam	44	Junction with Hwy. No. 36 south	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Lynn	9	Approximately 3.5 miles north of Tahoka	3,000.00	1,500.00

The State Highway Engineer is directed to submit requests to the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads providing for these program additions.

14667

In Polk County, on Highway "Feeder" WPSO 897-A, in the matter of claim of Holland Page, Contractor, for reimbursement for cost of man hours provided in excess of those required, due to being given incorrect information as to approximate quantities of work, it is ordered by the Commission that an amount of \$427.14 be allowed, and an appropriation in this amount is hereby made for payment of the claim.

A.F.E. 38-52

14668

Whereas, \$5,408.00 P.W.A. funds and \$18,287.00 W.P.A. funds will be released after N.R.W.R. 80, Section 1, which provides for the construction of grading, drainage structures and caliche base course from one mile south of Snyder to six miles south, has been completed; and

Whereas, it appears desirable to complete grading, drainage structures and caliche base course from six miles south of Snyder to Dunn, a distance of four miles; and

Whereas, such work, estimated to cost \$36,574.00, can be completed with a cost to the State of \$12,879.00,

It is, therefore, ordered by the Commission that grading, drainage structures and caliche base course from six miles south of Snyder to Dunn be included in the N.R.W.R. program, and that \$12,879.00 State funds be appropriated to supplement W.P.A. and P.W.A. funds. (Scurry County)

A.F.E. 38-53

14669

Whereas, certain right-of-way was secured from Angelina County Lumber Company for the construction of State Highway No. 45 in Tyler County; and

Whereas, the routing of this highway has been changed so as to not need the property acquired for Highway purposes for the construction of this highway; and

Whereas, Angelina County Lumber Company is agreeable to execute an easement conveying to the State, and without any additional cost to it, the necessary right-of-way on revised location, provided the original tract is conveyed back to it.

It is, therefore, ordered by the Commission that the Governor be requested to execute a deed conveying this land back to Angelina County Lumber Company on condition that Angelina County Lumber Company executes an easement for land on the revised location of this highway and without any additional cost to the State.

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Whereas, certain right-of-way was secured from Dick Johnston and wife, Evie Johnston, for the construction of State Highway No. 45 in Tyler County; and

Whereas, the routing of this highway has been changed so as to not need the property acquired for highway purposes for the construction of this highway; and

Whereas, Dick Johnston and wife, Evie Johnston, are agreeable to executing a deed conveying to the State, and without cost to it, the necessary right-of-way on revised location, provided the original tract is conveyed back to them.

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It is, therefore, ordered by the Commission that the Governor be requested to execute a deed conveying this land back to Dick Johnston and wife, Evie Johnston, on condition that Dick Johnston and wife execute a deed for land on the revised location of this highway and without additional cost to the State.

14671

Whereas, certain right-of-way was secured from Mrs. A. N. Shepherd et al for the construction of Highway No. 45 in Tyler County; and

Whereas, the routing of this highway has been changed so as to not need the property acquired for highway purposes for the construction of this highway; and

Whereas, Mrs. A. N. Shepherd et al are agreeable to executing a deed conveying to the State, and without any additional cost to it, the necessary right-of-way on revised location, provided the original tract is conveyed back to them.

It is, therefore, ordered by the Commission that the Governor be requested to execute a deed conveying this land back to Mrs. A. N. Shepherd et al on condition that Mrs. A. N. Shepherd et al will execute a deed for land on the revised location of this highway and without additional cost to the State.

14672

In Van Zandt County, on Highway No. 19, it is ordered by the Commission that a project be set up as a State sponsored project (SRWR) and that \$20,876.00 State funds be appropriated to supplement Works Progress Administration funds to construct grading and drainage structure from Canton to a point approximately five miles north of Canton.

On this project the Works Progress Administration has tendered \$40,453.04 of Federal funds for the construction of the project, to be co-sponsored by Van Zandt County and the Texas Highway Department, the funds for the sponsors' contribution to be furnished by the Texas Highway Department.

A.F.E. 38-54

14673

In Young County, it is ordered that plans be prepared and a contract let for the construction of piers and furnishing of structural steel at a total estimated cost of \$5,760.00 as the State Highway Department's share of the construction of the underpass on State Highway No. 67 at South Bend. This action is taken with the understanding that the Wichita Falls and Southern Railroad Company will install the superstructure and provide for track raising and all other work and materials necessary for the completion of the underpass structure.

14674

Be it ordered by the State Highway Commission that the sum of Twenty-five Thousand (\$25,000.00) Dollars be, and is hereby, appropriated for the purpose of making an audit of the State Highway Department.

Be it further ordered that the State Comptroller is authorized to transfer to the State Auditor the said amount of \$25,000.00, under the terms of Senate Bill No. 138, of the Acts of the 45th Legislature, who is hereby requested and authorized to make said audit of the State Highway Department in compliance with the statutory requirements regulating the duties, as outlined in House Bill No. 170, Acts of the First Called Session of the 41st Legislature.

A.F.E. 38-55

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Be it ordered by the State Highway Commission that a Safety Department of the State Highway Department be created, and that the State Highway Engineer be and is hereby authorized to appoint a Safety or Traffic Engineer, at a salary of Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars per month, together with the necessary assistants that he may need, to be effective as soon as practical.

Because of the nature of the work to be performed, it is ordered that this salary be prorated to the Divisions.

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WHEREAS, the Appropriation Bill for this biennium as passed by the Forty-fifth Session of the Legislature provides that the State Highway Department be authorized to furnish to the Adjutant General's Department trucks for transporting men and material for the purpose of erecting air markers along State Highways; and

WHEREAS, the Adjutant General's Department has requested that we furnish two trucks with operators for this work in the San Angelo Division of the W.P.A., it being estimated that the services of these two trucks will be required for forty-five days, and that a like number of trucks will be requested within the near future in each of the other eleven W.P.A. Districts within the State,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that an appropriation of \$10,000 out of the State Highway fund be, and is hereby made, to cover the cost of furnishing and operating these trucks; it being understood that no accurate estimate of the total number of hours required for this work is available at this time, and that an increased appropriation for this work may be necessary at a later date.

A.F.E. 38-56

14677

In Shelby County, on bids received January 25, 1938 contract for construction of grading, drainage structures and flexible base from intersection with Highway 35 in Timpson to intersection with Highway 8 north of Center, a distance of 15.003 miles, on State Highway No. 87, Control 304 Section 7 Job 2 FAS 896-A is awarded to Dave McCullough, Henderson, Texas for \$52,459.71, which is the lowest and best bid.

14678

In Culberson County, on bids received January 25, 1938 contract for construction of grading and drainage structures with alternate of concrete structures for corrugated metal pipe from junction with Highway 54 to Pine Springs, a distance of 10.151 miles, on State Highway No. 130 Control 233 Section 2 Job 3 is awarded to Lee Moor Contracting Company, El Paso, Texas for \$58,840.62, which is the lowest and best bid.

14679

In Fannin County, on bids received January 25, 1938 contract for construction of grading and drainage structures from 5.25 miles North of Bailey to Bonham, a distance of 5.066 miles, on State Highway No. 78, Control 279 Section 3 Job 4 is awarded to Russ Mitchell, Inc., Houston, Texas for \$53,750.56, which is the lowest and best bid.

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In Gonzales County, on bids received January 25, 1938 contract for construction of Peach Creek and Two Relief Bridges, grading and small drainage structures, a distance of 1.357 miles, on State Highway No. 200, Control 445 Section 1 Job 2 FAP 904-B is awarded to Cage Bros. & L. A. Turner, Bishop, Texas for \$117,490.56, which is the lowest and best bid.

14681

In Hemphill County, on bids received January 25, 1938 contract for construction of grade revisions, flexible base and double asphalt surface treatment from 8.412 miles south junction Hwys. 4 & 33, South 5.33 miles to Wheeler County line, a distance of 5.332 miles, on State Highway No. 4 Control 30 Section 7 Job 4 FAP 45-C Reop. U-II is awarded to Cocks & Braden, Amarillo, Texas for \$40,333.99, which is the lowest and best bid.

14682

In Jeff Davis and Presidio Counties, on bids received January 25, 1938 contract for construction of flexible base and preservative from Valentine to Conejo, a distance of 21.734 miles, on State Highway No. 3 Control 20 Section 5 & 6 Job 2 & 2 FAP 641-B Reop. U-I FAP 641-A Reop. U-II is awarded to Ernest Loyd Construction, Fort Worth, Texas for \$183,931.36, which is the lowest and best bid.

14683

In Zapata County, on bids received January 25, 1938 contract for construction of grading, drainage structures with select material from Arroyo Valeno to Arroyo Burro, a distance of 12.853 miles, on State Highway No. 4, Control 38 Section 4 Job 4 FAP 577-C is awarded to Chadwick & Williams, San Antonio, Texas for \$103,497.87, which is the lowest and best bid.

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Motion by Judge Bobbitt, seconded by Mr. Hines, that the special meeting of the State Highway Commission was closed at 4:30 P. M. February 11, 1938,

APPROVED:

State Highway Engineer

Chairman

ATTEST:

Member

Secretary

John Wood

Member

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing pages constitute the full, true, and correct record of all proceedings and official orders of the State Highway Commission at its Two Hundred Forty-ninth Meeting (a Special Meeting) held at Austin, Texas, on February 11, 1938.

M. L. Stinson

SECRETARY

TEXAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION